

MYSTERY STILL  
MARKS ACTION  
TOWARD MEXICOHigh Officials Are Silent Upon  
Future of Communication  
in Huerta.

## TRIES TO BELITTLE AFFAIR

Wilson Makes Effort to Check  
Wild Reports—Cuts Off the  
Sources of News.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels today ordered the scout cruiser Chester, now at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, to "proceed to Vera Cruz as soon as possible." The vessel will sail tomorrow. She will aid the Tacoma and Wheeling in bringing refugees from Mexican ports where the water is too shallow to permit battleships to go.

President Wilson expressed to callers at the White House today his belief that the situation growing out of the alleged communication sent by him to President Huerta, demanding the latter's immediate resignation, was greatly exaggerated. At the same time he did not state whether or not a communication of any kind has been sent.

Apparently desirous of belittling the seriousness of the situation, the Administration has cut off all the regular sources of news regarding Mexico and the plans of the President. At the same time the effort was made today to spread the impression that the President is as far from considering intervention as ever.

## Mystery In Move.

Considerable mystery still surrounds the nature of the supposed communication to Huerta. Secretary Bryan refused today to add anything to his denial that any "ultimatum" was sent, declining to say whether a message of any other sort was sent. Other officials, however, who claim intimate knowledge of the transaction, insist that a communication was sent, which, if not an ultimatum in the diplomatic sense, was at least a sharp demand for Huerta to get out.

The conflict between these assertions and the guarded denial of Mr. Bryan is explained in some quarters by the statement that news of the communication became public before this Government intended it to be. It is stated that information had come to Washington the effect that Huerta would consent to comply with a demand of this sort, if he were given opportunity to do so before the demand was made public in Mexico City. When the premature publication appeared, however, these arrangements were upset.

## Bryan Still Silent.

Mr. Bryan refused today to confirm or deny a report to the effect that Huerta had already replied to the message sent last Sunday, and refused likewise to say whether any communication had been received from the Mexican dictator in the last twenty-four hours.

Despite the disposition in Administration circles to dissuade the impression that intervention is the alternative course which this Government will follow in case Huerta refuses to get out, there has been no change as yet in the instructions sent to Admiral Fletcher requiring him to keep all seven battleships in the Gulf of Mexico off Vera Cruz and Tampico.

It was announced at the War Department today that the companies of the Fifteenth Cavalry now stationed at Fort Myer will leave Washington for the border November 10, and, en route, will join the other companies leaving Fort Sheridan several days later. The Fifteenth will join one of the regiments now on the border, which will return northward by transport.

London Gives First  
Advice to New York  
On Tammany's Defeat

LONDON, Nov. 5.—That Tammany does not "stay dead" is the warning to New York by today's Pall Mall Gazette, commenting on yesterday's election. It said: "New York's public spirit is again in the ascendant, but Tammany has always shown wonderful powers of recovery, and it would be very rash for New Yorkers to regard the result of the election as obsequies. The victors must show wisdom equal to their enthusiasm if they wish to hold the ground they have won."

Vote Results of  
the Country in  
Summary

John Purroy Mitchel, Fusion, elected mayor of New York by 80,000, over Edward E. McCall, Tammany Democrat.

Fusion elects six members of the board of estimate, with fourteen votes; the Democrats elect two members, with two votes. The board of estimate is roughly analogous to the board of commissioners in a commission-governed city. The retiring board was fusion, but by a less majority.

The Republicans elect seventy-five members of the lower house of the New York legislature; Democrats, fifty; Progressives, sixteen. The Democrats controlled the retiring body. The State senate continues Democratic. William Sulzer, deposed governor, is overwhelmingly elected to the assembly.

David L. Walsh, Democrat, elected governor of Massachusetts by about 50,000 plurality; Bird, Progressive, second; Gardner, Republican, third, but very close to Bird; Foss, Independent, a very bad fourth.

The legislature remains Republican, probably by a slightly increased strength.

Fielder, Democrat, elected governor of New Jersey by 15,000; Stokes, Republican, second; Colby, Progressive, a poor third.

The Jersey assembly remains Democratic.

The Philadelphia election of council and minor municipal officers results in a sweeping victory for the Republican machine, which defeats the fusion of reformers. Republican pluralities, about 40,000.

Cleveland re-elects Newton D. Baker, Democrat, as mayor, by about 8,000. He is the successor to the mantle and policies of Tom L. Johnson, and his election insures the continuance of the progressive program in that city. It is widely understood that Mr. Baker refused a seat in the Wilson Cabinet rather than leave his work in Cleveland.

Cincinnati elects Frederick S. Spiegel, Republican, mayor, over Mayor Henry T. Hunt, Democrat and reformer, who has done much as mayor, and before that as prosecutor, to clean up the town. The result is close, Spiegel having less than 5,000 plurality in nearly 100,000 votes.

Pittsburgh elects Joseph G. Armstrong mayor by a close lead over Stephen G. Porter. Armstrong was the candidate of Senators Oliver and Penrose and the Republican machine; Porter, of the Independent Progressive organization, headed by former Senator William Flinn. The general results in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania are highly favorable to Penrose's return to the Senate next year.

Buffalo elected a complete Democratic administration, which makes no change in its general political complexion.

Syracuse elects a Progressive, will, as mayor, the Republican and Democratic candidates following very close.

Schenectady elects a Republican, Schoolcraft, mayor, defeating Lunt, the Socialist mayor, who has been much in the public eye.

Toledo elects Carl Keller, Republican, mayor. The radical domination of Toledo which began under "Golden Rule" Jones and continued under Brand Whitlock is ended after many years.

Chicago elects a strongly Democratic legislature, and the Democrats carry most of the county and city offices.

Indianapolis elects Joseph E. Bell mayor, with almost 24,000 votes, to 14,892 for W. H. Johnson, Progressive, and 14,568 for former Mayor Bookwalter, Republican. Most of the Indiana city elections were carried by the Democrats. In the Illinois town elections the recently enfranchised women voted, and their strength, strongly against the saloons, resulted in the "drys" holding all their former territory and making large gains. The results are taken to indicate that when the liquor question is voted on throughout the State next spring the saloons will suffer a crushing defeat.

Maryland elects Blair Lee, Democrat, United States Senator over Thomas Parran, Republican, and George L. Wellington, Progressive, with about 30,000 plurality. Wellington's strength was not as important factor. The Democrats control the legislature, probably with the three-fifths vote necessary to override vetoes of the Republican governor, Goldsborough, who is a hold-over.

DAVIDSON SENDS  
RESIGNATION TO  
HEAD OF BOARDHopes to Take Superintendency  
of Pittsburgh Schools By  
First of December.

## NO OBJECTION TO BE MADE

Although Under Contract For  
Three Years, He Will Be  
Free to Leave Place.

The resignation of Dr. William M. Davidson as superintendent of schools of Washington was mailed to President Henry P. Blair of the Board of Education today.

It is the hope of Dr. Davidson that he will be able to leave the Capital and accept the superintendency of Pittsburgh schools December 1 next, but he admits that it may take a week or two longer to get affairs here in shape so that his successor will have no "unfinished business" to take up.

## Will Not Object.

That the Board of Education will interpose no objection to Dr. Davidson's leaving, and will accept his resignation with regret, was made evident by a caucus of its members this morning.

Dr. Davidson was hired by the Board of Education three years ago, and will be under contract for three years, but he says it is possible for the local authorities to hold him, but none of the Board of Education members would countenance such a proceeding.

As Dr. Davidson sat in his office at the Franklin School this morning and talked of his work here, it was evident that he regrets very much that he will soon say farewell.

"Wherever I go I always maintain a most cordial relationship with my fellow workers and associates, and I have been particularly fortunate in this respect in Washington," said he. "My regret at leaving will be very genuine. I look forward to the partings with a sad heart, indeed."

His resignation was made very gratifying to the board members, and the compliments paid me within the last few days, but I want to say to the people of Washington, that whatever success has attended this administration has been due to the co-operation of the school board on one side and that of teachers, principals and my assistants on the other. These two forces have always held me up by their hands, and without them I could have accomplished little worth while."

"If there were but one thing I could say to the people of Washington, it would be that the school board is as conscientious and as devoted as any group of men and women in the United States, and the future of the Capital's schools is safe in their hands."

It is probable that no permanent successor to Dr. Davidson will be chosen during the present term, and that a local man will be made acting superintendent until next June. Whoever fills such a position may later be made superintendent permanently, but the board may deem it wise to "test him out" first.

Director Stuart, of the Intermediate department, Assistant Superintendent Thurston, and Principal Wilson of the McKinley Manual Training School are mentioned most prominently. Dr. Stuart was superintendent before Dr. Davidson came here from Omaha, and it is an open question whether he would accept the position permanently.

Concerning the action on Dr. Davidson's resignation, members of the Board of Education said:

President Henry P. Blair—"We will try to make some arrangement that will be satisfactory to us and to the other town. The relations between Dr. Davidson and the board have always been cordial and pleasant, and I see no reason why they should not continue so."

Not Unethical.

Mrs. Caroline W. Harris—"There is nothing unethical in Dr. Davidson's leaving us under the present circumstances, though I shall regret very much to have him go. I have no one in mind for his successor."

Mrs. Edith Kinman Kern—"I do not think we will have to go out of town to get someone to succeed him."

Mrs. Susan Root Rhodes—"There has never been any friction between Dr. Davidson and the board, nor will there be in this matter, much as we regret losing him. It is too soon to talk of his successor."

## Democratic Candidates Who Were Successful

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Elected Governor of Massachusetts.PRINCE GEORGE IN  
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Hickey Polls Big Vote For  
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HYATTSVILLE, Md., Nov. 5.—Prince George county, on unofficial returns, gives the Democratic ticket a clean sweep. The ballot in this county yesterday was less and cumbersome, there being forty-one names and six amendments to the State constitution. One of the bitterest fights of the campaign was waged by the liquor element on George W. Hardy, candidate for sheriff.

Hardy was the center of a vicious attack in Hyattsville district, but carried the county by a large vote, defeating his opponent, James A. Sweeney, by 385. The largest majority registered by any candidate was that of George P. Hickey, of Hyattsville, Democratic candidate for register of wills, who defeated his opponent by 89 votes.

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The entire Democratic county ticket went through with flying colors. Joseph H. Blandford, Jr., Democrat, defeated Francis W. Hill, Republican, William F. Holmsted, Democrat, was an easy victory over Francis S. Carmody, Republican. The board of road directors will be solidly Democratic.

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JAMES F. FIELDER,  
Elected Governor of New Jersey On  
the Democratic Ticket.MONTGOMERY CLEAN  
DEMOCRATIC SWEEPLee and Harrington Pile Up  
Big Majorities in Nearby  
Maryland County.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Nov. 5.—Democratic candidates carried everything before them in Montgomery county yesterday. The returns today showing a clean sweep for Blair Lee and other standard-bearers of Democracy.

Mr. Lee, candidate for the United States Senate, whose election throughout the State was conceded last night, carried Montgomery county over Thomas Parran, Republican, by approximately 1,500. Emerson C. Harrington, Democrat, ran ahead of Oliver Metzerott, Republican, for State controller, by 1,000. Philip Magruder, of St. George's, the Democratic candidate for clerk of the court of appeals, landed Montgomery county by 1,000, winning over A. M. Denhard, of Baltimore city.

The Democratic candidates for the house of delegates, including "Cy" Cummings, whose towering figure is familiar to many Washingtonians, were elected by majorities ranging from 300 to 900. The Montgomery county delegates named are Eugene H. Waters, J. Furr White, Frank Snowden, and Andrew J. Cummings. Their Republican opponents who failed to land were Clarence E. Dawson, John P. Johnson, James M. Mount, and Mortimer O. Stabler.

In the race for State senator, Dr. Eugene Jones, of Kensington, was favorite in Montgomery county, winning by 900 over Charles F. Kirk, Republican. John R. Lewis, O. W. Robey, and Crittenden H. Walker, Democratic candidates for county commissioner, were elected.

Ben Whalen, Democrat, was elected to the county sheriff's office. He defeated Fred W. Page, Republican, by about 700 votes.

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WILSON FEELS ELECTION  
IS GREAT INDORSEMENT  
OF POLICIES BY PEOPLEGratified At Results in States Where Tariff and  
Other Questions Were Big Issues—Associates  
Also Happy—Republicans See Need of Alliance  
With Progressives—Official Comment.TAMMANY LOSES  
EVEN ASSEMBLY

The national Democracy, brought to the ballot-box test, held in yesterday's elections the greater part of what it seized one year ago. Giving due weight to variations by reason of local conditions, the Democrats find themselves today in much the same position as on the day after election a year ago. They claim a verdict of approval, and their opponents cannot in fairness allege that Democracy has been disapproved.

New York city elected a fusion Democrat, highly approved by President Wilson, as its mayor. It defeated Tammany, the powerful Democratic organization of the Empire State; but that, far from being a defeat to the national party, was rather a victory to it.

Democrats Lose Assembly.

The New York assembly is wrested from the Democrats and turned over to the Republicans, but that is merely an incident to the revolt against Tammany and Tammany.

In Massachusetts the Democrats again elect a governor; again they carry the State because of the almost equal division of former Republican into Republican and Progressive parties. The Democrats probably polled slightly more votes for governor than they did a year ago. The Progressives lost about half their own. The Republicans lost somewhat, because Foss, Independent, apparently took some strength away from them.

In New Jersey a somewhat similar situation prevails. The Democrats elect a governor after a hard fight, with the Republicans second and the Progressives a poor third; but the complete figures may very likely show that Republicans and Progressives, if united, would have won.

Maryland gave a rousing victory to Blair Lee Democratic candidate for Senator, and reduced the Progressive vote to an almost negligible quantity.

Voters Still of Same Mind.

From the viewpoint of national concern, the election shows that very little change has come over the spirit of the mass of voters in a year. It cannot be said in fairness, though some politicians are insisting upon it, that the National Administration has by any of its policies of commission or omission

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MALONE TO SUCCEED  
MITCHEL, IS REPORT

Dudley Field Malone, Third Assistant Secretary of State, and son-in-law of Senator O'Dorman of New York, will succeed John Purroy Mitchel, mayor-elect of New York, as collector of the port at New York, it was stated today.

The collectorship is one of the fattest salaried plums within the President's disposal. The position has by any of its titles been a direct slap at Tammany by the Administration.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo stated today that Mitchel's resignation as collector will be accepted in a routine way probably within a week or ten days.

## IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE.  
No session today. Will meet tomorrow.

HOUSE.  
House met at noon.  
Routine business transacted.  
Congressmen Mann and Donovan again exchanged compliments on subject of "absentism."

PRESIDENT WIRES  
PRAISE TO VICTORS

Greatly pleased over the result of the elections in New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, and Cleveland, Ohio, President Wilson today sent telegrams to the successful Democratic candidates in all these localities. The President, in common with the members of his Cabinet and the House and Senate leaders, feels that the result amply vindicates his policies as President, particularly in the three State elections, where the tariff and other policies of the present Administration were made the dominant issues.

Republican leaders at the Capital inclined to the belief that they never can hope for victory again until Progressives and Republicans are reunited.

Tumult Is Happy.

Not least joyous among those connected with the Administration was the President's secretary, Joseph P. Tumulty, whose activities in directing the New Jersey fight were bitterly attacked by the Republicans of the State.

In New Jersey received at the White House gave Fielder a great majority, and late in the day word was received which capped the pleasure of the general secretary. It stated that Essex county, the stronghold of the Smith-Nugent faction, which, it was thought, had gone for Stokes, the Republican candidate, by 3,000, had actually given Fielder a plurality of something over 200, and that even Mr. Stokes' own county had sent Democratic members to the Legislature, besides giving Fielder a handsome plurality.

The Massachusetts result was particularly gratifying to the President, for the reason that in that State, the last time the Democrats were elected, was in 1902.

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BIDS ON NEW SCHOOL  
BUILDING ARE ASKED

Bids for constructing a new central high school at Eleventh and Clifton streets northwest, were advertised by the Commissioners today. Sealed proposals for constructing a building to accommodate 2,500 will be received at the office of the secretary to the Board of Commissioners until 2 p. m. December 15.

The terms of the last district appropriation bill contained an appropriation of \$300,000 for beginning the work and authorizing a building to cost not to exceed \$200,000.

The Commissioners received today a copy of the Senate resolution introduced by Senator Latta calling for an opinion as to whether it is advisable to expend the appropriation for a single central high school or to divide the appropriation and build two or more schools.

If it should be decided to erect two more buildings, further Congressional action would be necessary. Specifications for the proposed new building have been issued to the following firms: George E. Wyne, John Gill & Sons, Wells Bros. Co., George A. Fuller Construction Company, Norcross Bros., and E. C. Gerhard Building Co. Winner Construction Company, Fred Medart Manufacturing Co., and the Hiram Lloyd Building and Construction Company of St. Louis, Mo.

Reed Presents Plan  
For Regional Banks

Senator Reed of Missouri presented a plan at the meeting of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee today to have a regional reserve system with regional banks in twenty-four cities. He would also have a gold reserve of 4 per cent of all the reserves belonging to the regional bank segregated in Washington under the control of the Federal reserve board. The committee discussed the plan all morning, but did not vote.

Dance Tonight. Arcade Auditorium. Doll and Toy Party Tonight—Dance of Love. Dancing Taught. Col. 3775.—Adv.